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ITEM 5

Briefing by Department of State Staff on Psychological  
Operations Plan to Assure the Continuing Orientation of  
Japan Toward the West

Summary: In August, 1951, the Far East Command prepared and transmitted to the JCS a proposed Psychological Plan for the Far East. The problem of continued Japanese orientation toward the West was considered as an integral part of the Far East plan.

The Director subsequently queried the PSB members as to advisability of preparing an overall Psychological Plan with respect to Japan. This apparently has been undertaken by Department of State without reference to or inclusion of other departments or agencies for the present. If the Department of State briefing indicates



Recommendation: That the Department of State paper be accepted, as a point of departure for the organization of a PSB panel to formulate an overall United States Government Psychological Warfare Plan with respect to Japan.

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